Honolulu, Hawaii February 10, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2242

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.B. No. 2242 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CRIME,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to update various criminal offenses relating to the falsification of a written statement, document, or record by making the offenses applicable to electronic versions of those statements, documents, or records.

The Department of the Attorney General provided testimony in support of this measure.

Your Committee finds that many government and business records are kept in electronic form. However, the current law prohibits only the alteration of records kept in written form. Amending the penal code sections involving falsifying business records, obtaining a government-issued identification document under false pretenses, tampering with a government record, and making unsworn falsification to authorities, to include electronic records will allow government agencies to investigate and prosecute offenders who submit false statements or documents electronically or tamper with electronic records.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and

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purpose of H.B. No. 2242 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce,

ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, Chair

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2242	Committee Referral:	Date:	02/05/14	
☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended (as is) Pass, with amendments (HD) Hold Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
CPC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. McKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)		·		
2. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K. (VC)				
3. BELATTI, Della Au				· ·
4. BROWER, Tom				
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.				
6. CREAGAN, Richard				
7. EVANS, Cindy				MOK
8. HAR, Sharon E.				/
9. ITO, Ken	/		E	
10. LEE, Chris				
11. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.				
12. OSHIRO, Marcus R.				
13. TSUJI, Clift				
14. YAMANE, Ryan I.				
15. MCDERMOTT, Bob				
16. THIELEN, Cynthia				
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TOTAL (16)	13			3
The recommendation is: Adopted If joint referral, did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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